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Get Billion-\$\$\$\$ Project Moving Or Acquire A New Developer!!! CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR ARE UPSET

By Dave Atkins

At a recent meeting of the Romulus City Council, both the Council and Mayor Beverly McAnally stated that they want Llwyd Ecclestone to start moving on the new billion-dollar project that the City has already poured millions of dollars into.

The project, located at Wick and Merriman, has been at a standstill as far as developer Ecclestone is concerned, aside from his doing some surface cleanup work.

Much of the intended development is dependent on the Vining Road interchange being built. Allegedly, that interchange will be built, although much of that project will depend on our new governor and any cutbacks he may have in his immediate plans.

Dennis Oakes, Community Development Director, said there was a meeting with Ecclestone last May, and he would like to follow up on that meeting and get Ecclestone to verify more support than he already has.

McAnally asked Oakes if Ecclestone was the only benefiting developer in the Wick Road project. Oakes said, "No, I assumed we all know that. The road construction we are doing, Smith and Vining, will benefit four or five other major property owners — the BOMAC property on Smith Road, the Wilson [World] property, Wendell Flynn's parcel, as well as Ecclestone's — so there are a number of properties that will be developable."

Oakes said that the TIFA (Tax Increment Finance Authority) Committee has said it is a good idea for the City to go ahead and develop the road system and invest the dollars in the anticipation of the development occurring. He continued to say that, without the development, the interchange will not happen; the development will not happen without a road system.

McAnally wondered if a letter would be sent to all the property owners about the development, and Oakes thought that would be the appropriate thing to do at this time.

Councilman Noah "Pete" Bergeron said, "The intent should have been es-



Mayor Beverly McAnally

tablished when we initially put the roads in, and that's the problem: everybody's intentions have been, in fact, to develop, but nothing has happened. I commend the TIFA for moving forward and writing Mr. Ecclestone a note and being this forceful about it, but I think the fact of the matter is, we've invested a lot of money, particularly to get a road in to him, and I haven't seen one red dime of new SEV [State Equalized Value] in his whole area. He's turned some dirt, but that's it."

Bergeron said that, if he had his way, he would not invest one more penny into the Wick Road project until Ecclestone put some money up and created some SEV in that area.

He also said the City is taking the money from the hotel area and pumping it into the project area, and he does not see any results.

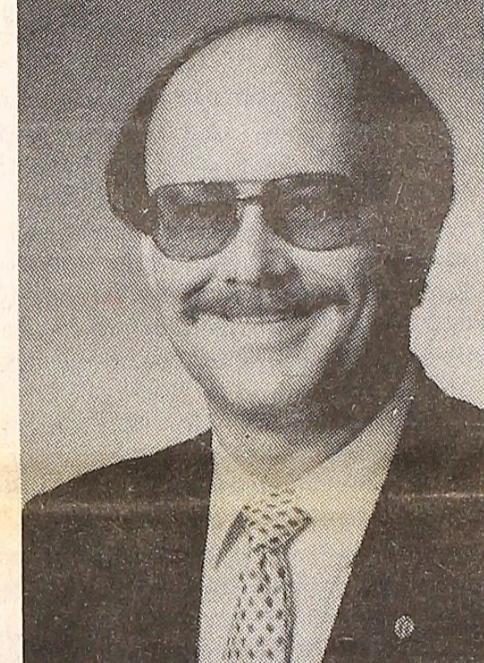
"I'll tell you what," Bergeron declared, "before I would even contemplate putting in any more money, I would make him buy the bonds to do his. I think that is one of the keys as to why we've had some successful TIFAs: because the people who have bought the bonds and gotten involved with the bonds themselves or even cosigned for them are the ones that are paying it off. He

[Ecclestone] has nothing invested, and I know the Mayor has to be disappointed because she has worked like crazy, her administration has worked very, very hard to accommodate Mr. Ecclestone, and he hasn't done anything. I hear he has a big project going on in Florida right now that is at a standstill. He's not doing anything down there. I don't know, but I think we should start playing hard ball with him [Ecclestone]. We have made a commitment to him, and I haven't seen a commitment return back from him for this community."

"I have no loyalty to anyone in particular because of an association." — McAnally

Oakes said that the letter they are sending to Ecclestone says basically the same thing that Bergeron said. In other words, the TIFA Committee is wondering if they should invest further capital without a sufficient commitment from Ecclestone. Oakes continued to say that the City does have a letter of commitment from Ecclestone to invest substantial amounts of dollars in this project. (In May of 1988, Ecclestone signed a letter of intent with the City, committing himself to an initial \$66-million investment, with \$20 million to be invested by December of 1988.) He has not yet made good on that commitment, however. On the other hand, according to Oakes, Ecclestone will tell you that he has committed himself; that he has spent millions of dollars buying the property and that he owns it outright; and that his debt service is running about a million dollars a year. Oakes also said that Ecclestone is a credible developer.

Said Bergeron, "You've seen his development [Florida], I've seen pictures, and I don't care what he's done anywhere else. We've invested, we've committed more money, and our commitment is going to return him much more than the few dollars he's invested in that project. That \$12 or \$15 million he has invested is a drop in the bucket compared to the \$32 million we have committed to the TIFA project."



Councilman Pete Bergeron

"Number two," he continued, "the valuation of that property, once those roads go down, will tenfold his investment. So, as far as I'm concerned, we've done whatever we've had to do for him."

Councilman Jimmie C. Raspberry said that, about six or eight months ago, he had lunch with some of the developers in the City who are not receiving TIFA backing. "And the question they asked me," said Raspberry, "was, 'How many dollars has Mr. Ecclestone spent of his own money?' I couldn't say any."

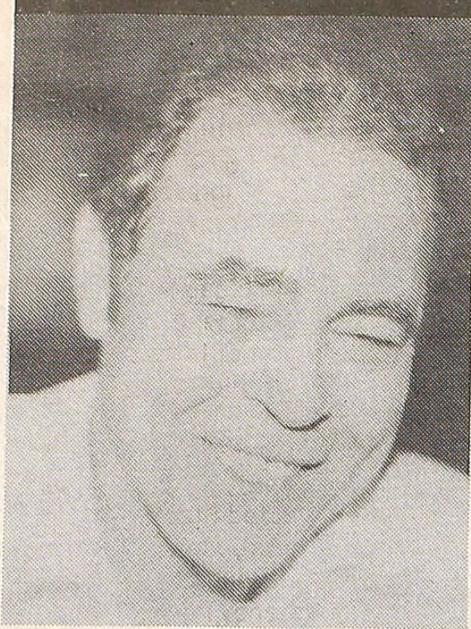
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Raspberry continued, "At the time Wick Road was dedicated, he [Ecclestone] had a representative there. I was of the impression at that dinner that we were not only cutting a ribbon, but [that] the first phase of a high-rise was to be established."

Raspberry said he also felt that this mayor and this council should demand that some form of financial progress be shown. "I want to see something tangible. I would like to see that permit where the high-rise is going up where

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The Editor's Opinion



'Tis the Season

By Dave Atkins

It is, once again, *that* season — the season to be jolly, and full of free giving and love. (What happened to the rest of the year?)

It is also the season for very high rates of suicide and theft; for overextending yourself with "plastic money" (credit cards); for people freezing to death in the streets and back alleyways of many cities.

This is the beginning of a season intended to be a happy part of the year. All too often, however, it is a season of pure despair.

What I would like to see is a season of good intentions that would last the whole year through.

Can you imagine an entire year of nothing but giving unselfishly of yourself? Of good tidings, joy, helping one another without wanting something in return?

I can. I most certainly can.

I can imagine my wife and I not arguing about anything. I can imagine my kids and grandchildren prospering, and sharing that prosperity with others. (And the prosperity of which I speak is not necessarily of money, but of love — true, honest, and sincere love.) And, hopefully, those people would, in turn, share their prosperity and love with still others. Can you imagine how quickly this world would solve all its problems if we really and truly gave pure, unadulterated love to everyone we came in contact with?

Why, we could even learn to get along with people like Saddam Hussein, George Bush, the mayors and city councilmembers of our cities, and, yes, even our own next-door neighbors.

I guess that what I'm trying to say is yes, this is the season to be jolly and full of hope and love, but where does it all really start?

Try your own family. How long has it been since you really and truly tried to get along with your own brother, sister, father, mother, uncle, aunt, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law? How long has it been since you really tried? Have you even once this year, except for a holiday,

said to any/all these people, "I love you," and really meant it? mom y
is Frankly, I have never told anyone that I loved him/her without meaning it. Of course, there aren't that many people to whom I habitually say those words, but maybe I need to work on that a little. I should tell all my loved ones how I feel, and I should do it more frequently.

How did I get started on this, anyway? Here I am at the computer, trying to write an editorial, and my daughter is playing Christmas music on the radio. She knows better than to do something like that when I am trying to write, but she is doing it anyway. That's what set me to thinking about this season and how all seasons should be.

Now I am thinking about how much money I will be expected to spend this year, and I don't have it. Guess what I will do? Probably let a couple of bills go so I can try to get everyone what they would like to have for Christmas. On the other hand, if I was a true and loving papaw/father/husband/son, I would have been saving all year long for this time of year. Evidently, I don't love anyone enough all year long to think about this particular season when I know what is going to be expected of me.

If I loved my family and fellow man as I should, I would have been giving all year long instead of waiting until now to do it. If I had given to them all year long, then possibly not as much would be expected at this particular time.

Sure, I love my wife, kids, mother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, and both brothers. Why do I wait until now to realize this? Why do I wait until now to let everyone know I really do care for them? Any other time of the year, I could have gotten by with doing one of them a favor; now, it's going to cost me money I won't have.

Maybe, if I had just shown them all that I loved them during the rest of the year, I wouldn't have this problem now!

For some reason, I have many things in my mind that I want to say, but my mind rambles to where it makes no sense, even to me, except that this season should be carried out throughout the year — not just now.

Instead of buying that extra carton of cigarettes that I didn't need anyway, I could have given the money to a church and helped some poor widow or orphan, even if it was during the summer. They need help then, just like they do at Christmas time.

Maybe I could have saved that other \$25 that I spent on eating out, which I didn't need to do anyway, and given it to my mother or mother-in-law so that they could have had just a little more help with their small Social Security checks.

Maybe I could have helped my next-door neighbor a little when he was sick. I suppose that I could have at least cut his grass for him, or I could have gone

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'TIS THE SEASON

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to the store for him if he was too sick to drive.

My aunt died just recently. I suppose I could have taken myself to Indianapolis and brought her some fruit at the convalescent home where she lived, but I was too busy.

I could have given my brother a little more moral support during the lengthy and painful personal ordeal he has been going through for the past couple of years.

I could have made this year a little easier on my wife, who works beside me on a daily basis. I could have been a little more considerate and given her more time off, and I could have stopped yelling at her so much and made her a whole lot less nervous. I could even have told her "I love you" more often, but, after all, I told her that 12 years ago, so why

should I repeat myself? But I really do love my wife — more than she will ever know.

I could have gone to visit my mom more often. She only lives four miles from me, yet I have a hard time getting to see her once a month. That would make her life easier. And I sure do love my mom.

My kids! I love each and every one of them dearly, and my grandchildren are above reproach. I could make life a little easier on them if I worked just a little harder.

Yes, 'tis the season. 'Tis the season to start thinking about next season, when things could be so different — different for me, you, and (yes) even the world.

All you have to do is start today, and share all your love for all days. □

tasks will be to review the school's self-study, part of the first phase of the study to be completed this spring. This involves the collection of basic school data and a self-evaluation which the local school faculty will complete.

The visiting team will also interview school personnel on topics such as instructional programs and materials, school facilities, community relations, and a school improvement plan. The results of the self-study and interviews will be reported back to the school to allow local school personnel the opportunity to develop a list of strengths and weaknesses.

Early next fall, the faculty of Barth Elementary will then review the various kinds of indicators which they will use to demonstrate growth in the school program. Possible indicators are standardized test results, school attendance rates, school climate, and community involvement.

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Point of Law

By Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

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- An emancipation may occur by court order pursuant to a petition filed by a minor with the probate court.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to address it in a future issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

Barth To Take Part in Study

Barth Elementary School has been selected as one of 100 elementary and junior-high/middle schools throughout the State to participate in the Michigan Accreditation Program.

The Michigan Department of Education and the Bureau of Accreditation, working with the School Improvement Studies at the University of Michigan,

are implementing an elementary and junior-high/middle school accreditation system for Statewide use.

Selected as one of this year's 100 schools, Barth Community Elementary School will take part in a four-phase study which will include a visitation to the school by teachers, administrators, and other educators in 1991.

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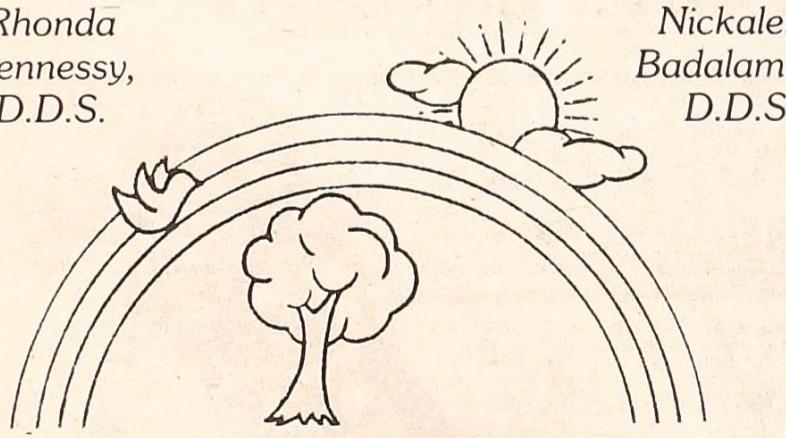
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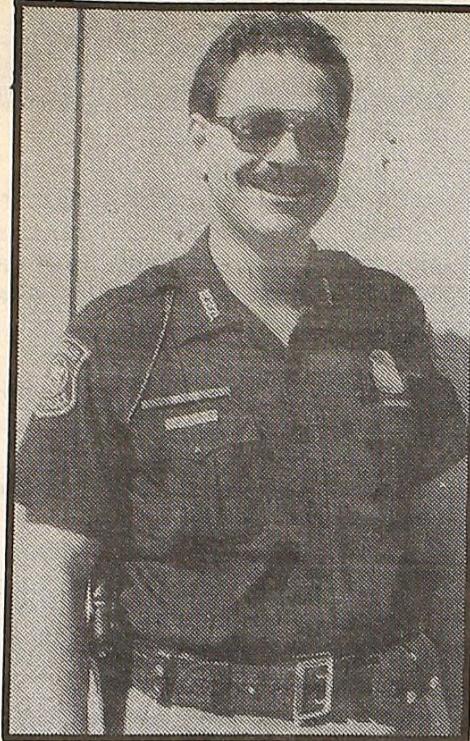
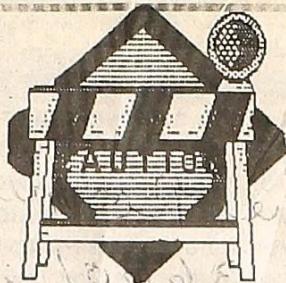
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- Over the New Year's holiday, there were three traffic fatalities; one (33.3%) was alcohol related.

Some 1989 holiday statistics related to the *national* drunk-driving problem:

- Between Thanksgiving, 1988, and New Year's Eve, 2,432 of the total 5,129 traffic fatalities were alcohol related.
- During Thanksgiving of 1989, 312 of a total 548 traffic fatalities were alcohol related.
- During Christmas of 1989, 536 people died in traffic crashes, with 328 (61.2%) being alcohol related.

Other sobering statistics:

- Drunk driving is the most frequently committed crime in the nation today. DWI (driving while intoxicated) arrests in 1989 totalled an estimated 1.7 million (FBI, 1990).
- Every 23 minutes, one person dies in an alcohol-related auto crash. □

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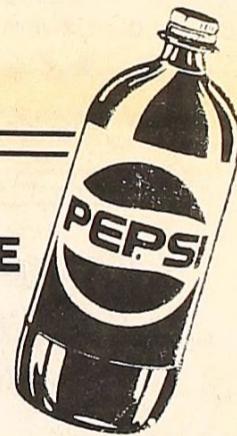
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Wrong Paper, Pal!

By Dave Atkins

Recently, I received a note in the mail from someone who did not sign his/her name or give an address. Normally, I would not print this type of trash but I think it is necessary in this instance because of how it was done and the threats that were made.

The note read, "Your paper is bad as prime time news something is going to be did about your paper if you don't get your act together we will also go to the Mayor it's people like you that stop black and white trying to get along."

There were two newspaper articles enclosed in the envelope, with notes written on the bottom of one of the articles. It so happens that both articles were published by the Associated Newspapers, and not *The Romulus News* or *The Wayne News*.

One article in the *Wayne Eagle* was headlined, "Police Investigate Robberies." (No date of printing was on the clipping.) At the bottom of the article, the person had written, "Why don't you say white here. I hope you have heard of NAACP and blacks protesting against your paper, keep it up." The other clip-

ping ("Two Charged With McDonalds Robbery") was evidently from the *Romulus Roman*. Again, there was no date. No notes were on this article.

Two things should be brought forth here. Number one, the writer should have had the intelligence to look at the masthead to see who, in fact, did print the stories that he/she was so upset about, and then send the note and comments to the proper newspaper.

Secondly, most newspapers (including this one) merely repeat the descriptions given to them by the Police Department. If the police say "black male" or "black female" or "black suspect," then that is what is printed. If they say "white male" or "white female" or "white suspect," that is what is printed. Most reporters/newspapers do not have the time to actually go and question witnesses or physically examine suspects taken into custody to identify their race.

The next thing that every newspaper I know of hates is people who do not sign their names or put return addresses on their communications.

If people like the one I have just written about do not have the nerve to sign a document, I wonder about their credibility.

By the way, the letter and clippings have been forwarded to the proper newspaper. It was not us. □

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After arrival, police secured the area and heard noises in the

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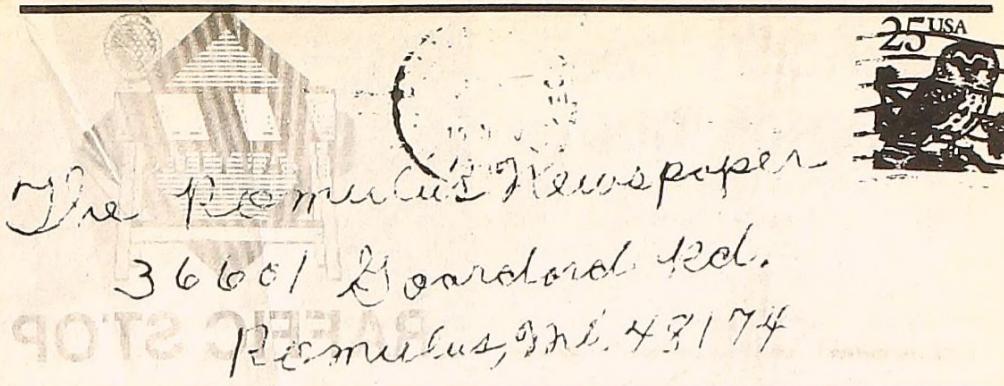
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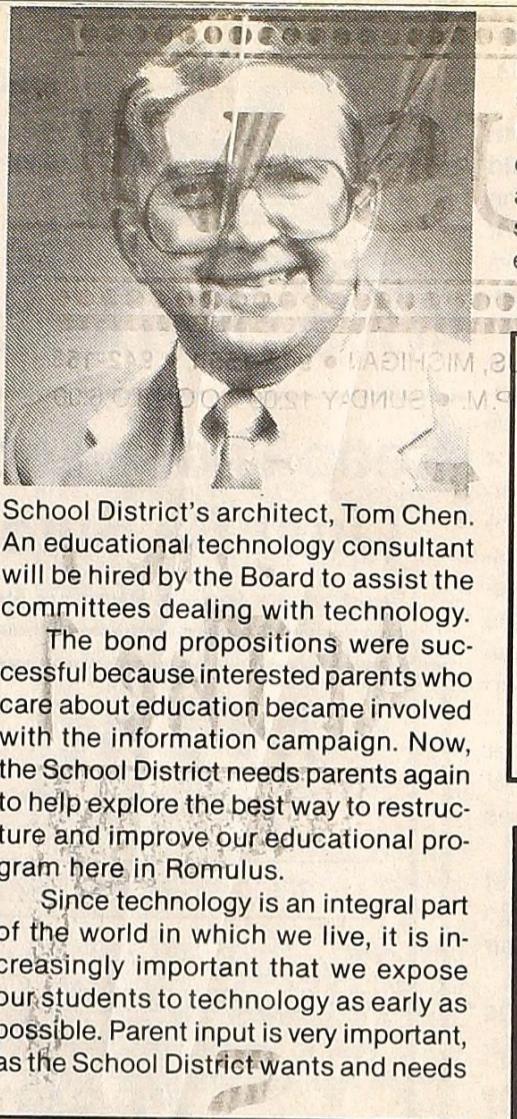
Schools Seek Parent Input

By Art McPharlin, Community Relations Director, Romulus Community Schools

With the successful vote of November 6, 1990, the Romulus School District embarks on a vision and a plan to provide the best learning environment to every student in our school district. The vision is to create classrooms of the twenty-first century in the next three years. The plan is to form six working committees with parent representation on all six committees.

Committees are being formed to investigate the use of technology in education for grades kindergarten through twelve. A middle-school committee will study the restructuring of the Junior High School. An elementary and two high-school committees will look into effecting changes at both levels. Finally, a steering committee will coordinate the activities of all the committees and help report their recommendations to the Board of Education.

Each committee has a Board of Education member, administrators, staff personnel, and community members. All of the committees will work with the



School District's architect, Tom Chen. An educational technology consultant will be hired by the Board to assist the committees dealing with technology.

The bond propositions were successful because interested parents who care about education became involved with the information campaign. Now, the School District needs parents again to help explore the best way to restructure and improve our educational program here in Romulus.

Since technology is an integral part of the world in which we live, it is increasingly important that we expose our students to technology as early as possible. Parent input is very important, as the School District wants and needs

the ideas and feelings of the community. The planning for change in every school is a cooperative effort of School Board members, administrators, teachers, support staff, and parents. If you are willing to help, please contact a school principal or call me at 941-1600, ext. 33.

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Obituaries

Robert Roy Reid

Romulus resident, Robert Roy Reid, died on November 24, 1990, at the age of 89.

Robert was the owner of a service station and a member of the Masonic Lodge: Four Square and Lodge #537 (Bloomfield Hills). He was the brother of Mrs. Myra Reid (Montreal, Canada) and is also survived by seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A Masonic Service was held on November 27 at Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard, Romulus). Interment was at the Tri-County Cemetery in Ypsilanti. □

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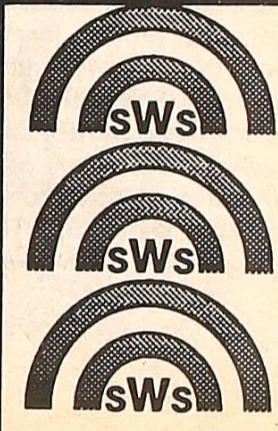
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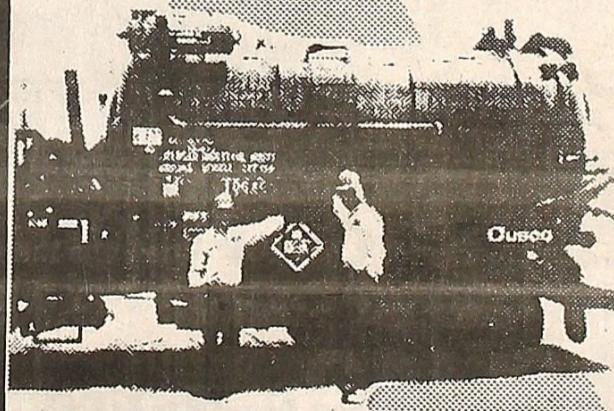
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Community Calendar

Attention Deficit Disorder Association — The ADDA, an organization dealing with the problems of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, is a nonprofit, volunteer organization that provides information and support to parents and professionals. The group's next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, at the Livonia Civic Center Library (on Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road). Clinical psychologist, Dr. Paul Jacobs, will talk about the diagnosis, treatment, and management of ADD. There is a \$5 nonmember donation. Registration begins at 7 p.m. for this meeting. Call 464-8233 for more information.

Foster and Adoptive Parent Support Group — The Southwest Chapter-Area 10 Foster and Adoptive Parent Support Group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. at Faith Christian Center (25535 Ecorse Road, Taylor) on the third Monday of each month. Foster parents, adoptive parents, caseworkers, and others are welcome to attend. Credit hours can be earned, and there is no fee for training. For more information, please call Linda Slade, President, at 295-3692.

Mothers of Twins — Southeast Suburban Mothers of Twins meets on the third Monday of every month. New members are welcome. For more information, call Tami at 942-9678.

Parents Without Partners — Wayne Westland Chapter #340 meets at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of every month at the Amvets Hall (1217 South Merriman, Westland). For information on the group and its many adult, family, and community activities, call Tillie Van Sickle at 595-7806.

Romulus Adolescent Health Center Council — The RAHCC meets at 2:30 p.m. in the library at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. These meetings are open to the public. Please call 941-2170, ext. 26, for more information.

Romulus Arts Council — The Romulus Arts Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the third Monday of each month. (There will be no December meeting.) For information, call 941-0476.

Romulus Cable Communication Commission — The Cable Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the third Tuesday of every month. These meetings are open to the public.

Romulus City Council — The Romulus City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the first, second, and fourth Mondays of each month. (Some meetings do not follow this schedule because of holidays. For more information, contact Linda Choate, City Clerk, at 942-7540.)

Romulus Community Schools Board of Education — The Romulus Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Office (36540 Grant Road) on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. For more information, call 941-1600.

Romulus Community Schools Sporting Events — Watch for future sporting events in the "School Sports" column, or contact Fred Coleman, Athletic Director, at 941-3414.

Romulus Democratic Club — The Romulus Democratic Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Romulus VFW building (on Huron River Drive east of Hannan Road) on the third Tuesday of every month. New members are welcome. For more information, please call Club Chairman Jim Napiorkowski at 941-5412.

Romulus Historical Society — The Romulus Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on the third Wednesday of every month. (There will be no December meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16, at which time officers will be elected.) All members of the community are welcome to attend. For more information, call Pearl Varner, Romulus Historical Society President, at 697-9628.

Romulus Horseman's Association — The Romulus Horseman's Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the third Wednesday of every month.

Romulus Kiwanis — The Romulus Kiwanis meets in the Romulus Senior Center (36515 Bibbins) at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday. For information, call Club Secretary Jim Napiorkowski at 941-5412.

Romulus Public Library — The Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) currently is following its Winter Schedule, and will be open during the following hours: Mondays and Tuesdays from 12 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information on the Library and its programs and resources, call 942-7589.

Romulus Recreation Department — Watch for activity updates in the "Rec News" column, or call the Recreation Department (942-6852) or the Recreation Hotline (941-6040).

Romulus Rovers — Join the fastest-growing club in town — the Romulus Rovers Walking Club. All ages are welcome to participate. For information on membership and walks, please call 941-2215.

Romulus Senior Center — Watch for activity updates in the "Senior News & Events" column, or call the Center at 942-6852.

Southern-style Breakfast — Everyone is welcome to come and have a Southern-style Breakfast at the Masonic Temple (515 Main Street, Belleville) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month. Admission is only \$3.75 for adults, \$3.25 for seniors, and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Tough Love — Tough Love is a self-help program for parents who are troubled by teenage behavior. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21915 Beech (corner of Monroe), Dearborn. For more information, call 278-6873 and ask for Rae, or 455-6685 and ask for Connie.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary — The Ladies Auxiliary of the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9568 (39270 Huron River Drive) is extending a cordial invitation to all ladies who wish to join this worthwhile organization, which meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. For further information, call Pat Corpe at 941-6176 or Nellie Fortner at 697-8230.

Weight Watchers — Weight Watchers conducts meetings at various locations throughout Wayne County. For information, call 1-800-487-4777.

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he promised," he concluded.

McAnally said that she hasn't talked to anyone who has not seen the potential of the Wick Road area, dating back to 1973. She feels that the downturn in the economy only emphasizes the importance of the site, since people will be watching their dollars and won't want to spend the time and the money that it would take to go to Auburn Hills, Troy, or even the City of Detroit. She also believes that, with the expansion of the Airport, people would be more willing to invest here than anywhere else in the State because of the accessibility factor.

"I have no loyalty to anyone in particular because of an association," said McAnally. "I want to see the project, and I want to see something happen for the City of Romulus — and I'd like to see it in my administration. I've been

here awhile. So, we talked to some people, and if Mr. Ecclestone is interested in selling it [his property], we think maybe there are some people who would like to buy some of it, and we're going to encourage that! At least from my standpoint we are!"

"As far as I'm concerned, I'm ready to talk [to other developers]," concluded McAnally.

Mayor Pro Tem, Randy Gear, asked McAnally if Ecclestone had given her any idea why he had not started construction yet. The Mayor elaborated on how much of a benefit Wick Road is to the community now with the paving, sewer system, etc., but she did not answer Gear's question.

At that point, Oakes pointed out that the high-rise that Raspberry had spoken about was not an Ecclestone project. □

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Academic Achievement Awards Breakfast Honors RHS Students

On November 20, 1990, a breakfast honoring Academic Achievement Award recipients from Romulus High School was held at the Marriott Hotel. Speakers at the Awards Breakfast included High School Principal, Thomas Dolan; Evelyn

Hopewell; Board of Education President, Daniel Bales; High School Assistant Principal, Daniel Hurst; and High School Assistant Principal, Michael Teasdale.

The following students were recip-

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REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 22, 1990

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, October 22, 1990, was called to order by President Bales at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bales.

Approval of Agenda:

10/90/15 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Berlin the Board approve the Agenda as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

10/90/16 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board approve the Minutes of October 8, 1990, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Mr. John Wester stated that he is asking for guardianship extension for his niece from Florida.

10/90/17 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Patterson the Board require that Mr. Wester provide guardianship for niece by the end of January and have documentation of progress by November 15, 1990. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

(Also referred to Policy Committee)

Mr. and Mrs. Tyra spoke of their son's exclusion from Junior High.

10/90/18 Moved by Patterson supported by Berlin the Board allow the Tyra children in school if mother maintaining residency. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hunter, Bus Driver, spoke regarding an incident 10/11/90 of assault on her by a student at Cory School.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval: **A. Employment:** Mildred Clayton, In-House Para. — Barth (Prob.), Eff. 10/15/90; and Constance Thompson, In-House Para. — Cory (Prob.), Eff. 10/22/90.

10/90/19 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board approve the Personnel Actions presented by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 5. Nays: 2 (Bales, Wilkerson). Motion carried.

10/90/20 Moved by Langley supported by Kesner the Board approve the retirement resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Glen Duke. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

10/90/21 Moved by King supported by Berlin the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

10/90/22 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board approve amending the Agenda as follows: Move Items E. and G. to become Items B. 1. and B. 2. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Ratification of Local 64 Contract

10/90/23 Moved by Wilkerson supported by King the Board ratify contract settlement with Local 64 as recommended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Bales). Motion carried.

Wick P.T.O. Request

10/90/24 Moved by Patterson supported by Wilkerson the Board direct the Business Office to get prices for curtains and backboards for Wick's Gym, this item to be placed on the Agenda for the next Board Meeting in November. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Report on Lansing Drug Meeting — Sandy Langley, et. al.

There was no action taken on this item at this meeting.

Tom Chen Review of Bond Issue

Tom Chen reviewed the Bond Issue (specifically Merriman) with Board Members.

Drug Free Zone — All Buildings

10/90/25 Moved by Berlin supported by Patterson the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the resolution presented to establish Drug Free Zones of all district schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MOFDA Membership

10/90/26 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board remove this item from the table. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

10/90/27 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Langley the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the school district to the Michigan Out-of-Formula District Association. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Election Time Table

Art McPharlin discussed progress and time table with Board Members.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Class Size Articles; 2) Music Department Report; and 3) Meriweather Memo — Bower.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Langley: Acknowledged Art McPharlin and Lorraine Wilkerson.

Member Kesner: Discussed Homecoming float building sites.

Adjournment:

10/90/28 Moved by Berlin supported by Kesner the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard J. Kesner, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

ients of Academic Achievement Awards.

Seniors

Melissa Avery (third year)
Renee Bitner (third year)
Karla Black (third year)
Bonnie Boyd (second year)
Stacie Brown (third year)
April Coleman (second year)
Jennifer Daniel (third year)
Brian Ellison (second year)
Benjamin Good (first year)
Michele Haines (second year)
Steven Hockett (third year)
Jennifer Holtschlag (second year)
Angela Hopewell (first year)
Kimberly Malgay (second year)
Jennifer McGraw (first year)
Torrey Mills (first year)
Susan Molenda (second year)
Erin Newland (second year)
Heather Palmer (second year)
Liza Pooley (second year)
Tameka Robertson (third year)
Yolanda Rupert (third year)
Michele Scarrow (third year)
Angela Slawinski (second year)
Melanie Sundquist (second year)
Dennis Tessin (third year)
Jamie Trailer (first year)
Christopher Vavro (third year)
Trudy Villarreal (first year)
Lisa Watson (second year)
Danielle Winston (second year)

Juniors

Genesis Barnes (second year)
Heidi Bussard (second year)
Rachel Byard (first year)
Alison Cope (second year)
Amy Grishaber (second year)
Steve Hayes (first year)
Yolanda Hullum (second year)
Andrea Johnson (second year)
Tearza Johnson (first year)
Amanda Kesner (second year)
Lisa Kochanski (second year)
Jenny McClure (second year)
Jennifer Mientkiewicz (first year)
Michelle Mullins (first year)
Liza Parker (first year)
Rory Rangel (first year)
Sherri Rocha (second year)
Marci Tomchick (second year)
Steven Yates (second year)
Sophomores (all first year)
Michelle Allen
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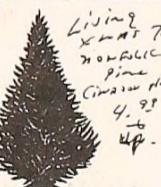


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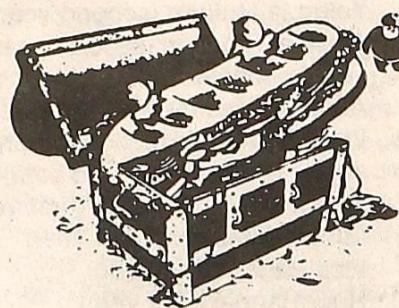
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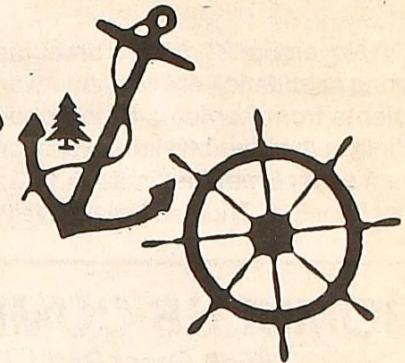
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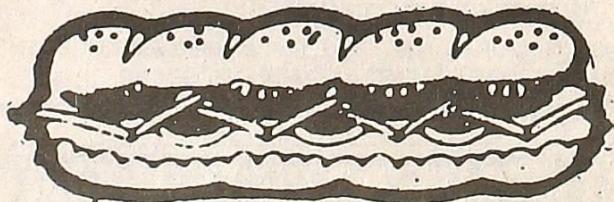
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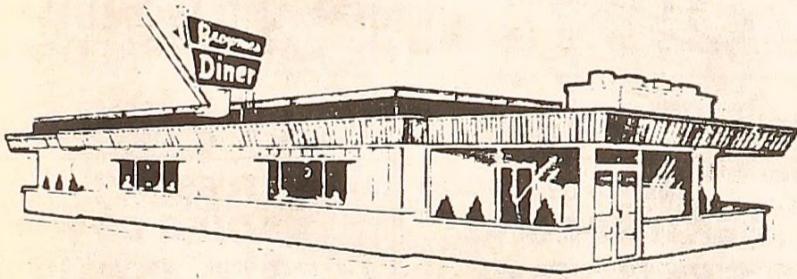
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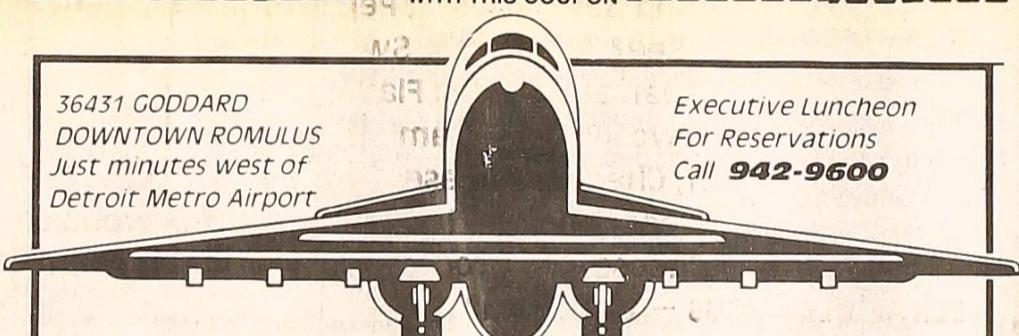
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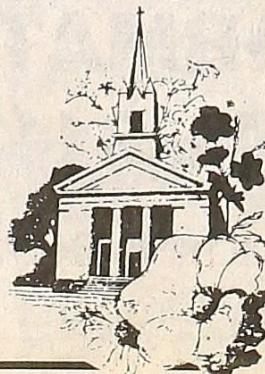
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**A Head Start on Thanksgiving**

By Michelle Clark

On Wednesday, November 21, 1990, at Romulus Head Start, Miss Harvey's and Miss Fitzhugh's class joined Miss Karen's and Miss Linda's class (children ages three to five) to act out the first Thanksgiving Day feast. The children studied Native Americans for a week and a half in preparation for the event.

The kids in Miss Harvey's and Miss Fitzhugh's class made their own headbands, loincloths, totem poles, and canoes in order to dress up as Indians, and the kids in Miss Karen's and Miss Linda's class made their own hats and bibs in order to dress up as Pilgrims. The children also helped to prepare the food for the feast.

After the feast, the children joined in with their teachers to recite poems and perform Indian dances around the classroom. □



Miss Fitzhugh with Indian tribe. (photo by Michelle Clark)

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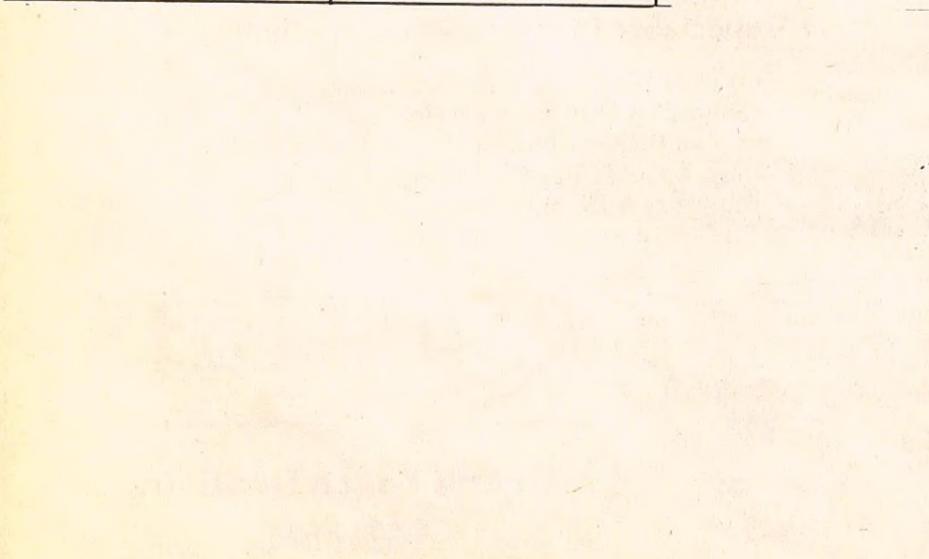
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KIDS Proposes Education Amendment to State Constitution

Editor's note: A ballot question committee called KIDS (Knowledge Is Democracy's Safeguard) will soon be distributing petitions statewide to obtain signatures for an initiative to place proposed education amendments on the ballot in November, 1992. In order to inform local voters about this issue, I am reprinting part of an explanatory letter sent to me by KIDS, along with a draft of the proposed amendments. I hope that this information will help you decide whether or not such a change would benefit our children.

Equal Educational Opportunity for Michigan's Children

Funding of K-12 public education in Michigan is fast approaching a fiscal, social and educational crisis. Per pupil public funding disparities of almost 4 to 1 in some instances, coupled with a highly overburdened property tax system, have systematically denied equal educational opportunity to this state's children and have brought many school districts to the brink of insolvency. Many efforts have been made to address this problem over the years, all without success. Every ballot proposal to amend the state Constitution has failed. The state legislature has been unable to reach a consensus that will allow it to legislate answers to the problem and, given political reality, will not likely be able to resolve this problem in the next five to ten years. The state Court of Appeals, in the case of *East Jackson Public Schools v Michigan*, 133 Mich App 132 (1984), found that Michigan's school funding system was not in violation of the Michigan Constitution, in spite of substantial disparity in per pupil funding from district to district, because 1) there is no denial of equal protection because education is not a fundamental right under our Constitution, and 2) maintenance and support of a system of free public education under Article VIII, Section 2 of our Constitution does not require equal per pupil funding between school districts. Nor can we look to the federal courts, based on the case of *San Antonio Independent School District v Rodriguez*, 411 US 1 (1973), which held that the right to education is not a fundamental right coming within the 14th Amendment equal protection provisions of the U.S. Constitution.

But education in our complex society should be a fundamental right, every bit as much as others enumerated in the Bill of Rights. Without equality of educational opportunity, vast numbers of our children will be unable to compete as adults for their inalienable rights: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Ownership of a right is meaningless without the means to enjoy it. While our society cannot guarantee enjoyment of the right, it can, and should, guarantee the opportunity to it. This, then, translates into the unassailable conclusion that equal educational opportunity is a fundamental right and, if, collectively, our representatives in government,

executive, legislative, and judicial, cannot or will not address the issue, the people must exercise their power of oversight through the initiative process and amend our state Constitution so there is no longer a question in the minds of the decision-makers about the relative importance of K-12 education in Michigan.

To that end, KIDS (Knowledge Is Democracy's Safeguard) has registered a statewide ballot question committee for the purpose of placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot in November, 1992, which will identify equal educational opportunity for our children as a fundamental right, require a substantially equal expenditure of public funds per pupil, require development of a system of public school districts and a method of funding to implement these requirements by September 1, 1994, and mandate continued earmarking of net lottery proceeds to the state school aid fund. There are two steps envisioned in this process. The first is the recognition of equal educational opportunity as a fundamental right through amendment of our Constitution. The second will be implementation and be left up to the legislature or, if they fail in that process, the courts will be compelled to intervene for the benefit of the children whose rights are not being protected. We are dealing now *only* with the first step, creation of the right in our state Constitution. The committee is seeking a broad base of support statewide for this amendment and would like to have your participation in making this effort a success.

For more information, write to KIDS, P.O. Box 716, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, or call Barbara Ebeling at (313) 484-1621, or Tom Manchester at (313) 482-7012.

Editor's note: Of the proposed amendments which follow, the first (Article I, Section 24) would add an entirely new section to our state's Constitution. The other two (Article IV, Section 41, and Article VIII, Section 2) would add language to existing sections. All new language appears in italics.

Article I, Section 24

Sec. 24. *Equal educational opportunity is a fundamental right and all persons compelled by law to attend school are guaranteed access to a substantially equivalent public education regardless of their place of residence within this state.*

Article IV, Section 41

Sec. 41. The legislature may authorize lotteries and permit the sale of lottery tickets in the manner provided by law.

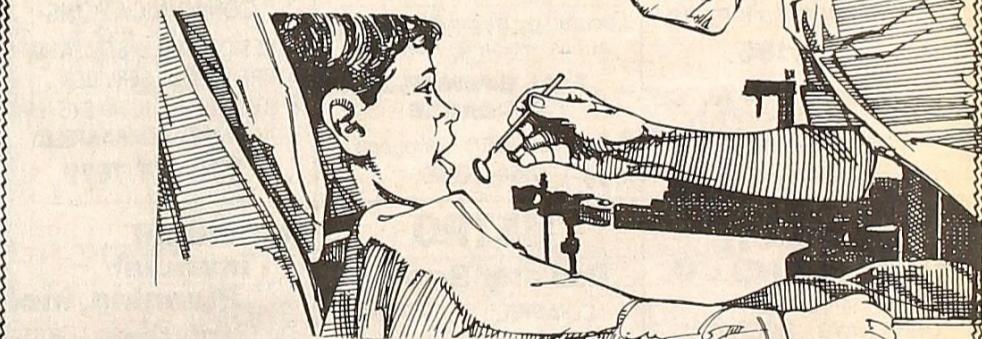
Beginning October 1, 1993, all net revenue and interest earned on net revenue other than interest used for the payment of prizes by the state from the operation of a lottery shall be deposited in the state school aid fund established in Section 11 of Article IX.

Article VIII, Section 2

Sec. 2. The legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law. Every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils without discrimination as to religion, creed, race, color or national origin. *By September 1, 1994, the legislature shall develop by law a system of school districts and a method by which there is a substantially equal expenditure of public funds that meets the requirements of Article I, Sections 2 and 24. Unique educational and transportation needs of individual pupils may be the basis for diversity in funding needed to meet the purposes of Article I, Sections 2 and 24.*

No public monies or property shall be appropriated or paid or any public credit utilized, by the legislature or any other political subdivision or agency of the state directly or indirectly to aid or maintain any private, denominational or other nonpublic, pre-elementary, elementary, or secondary school. No payment, credit, tax benefit, exemption or deductions, tuition, voucher subsidy, grant or loan of public monies or property shall be provided, directly or indirectly, to support the attendance of any student or the employment of any person at any such nonpublic school or at any location or institution where instruction is offered in whole or in part to such nonpublic school students. The legislature may provide for the transportation of students to and from any school. □

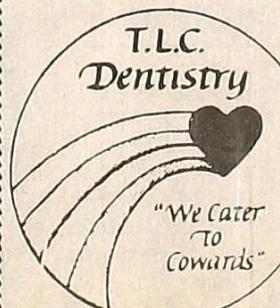
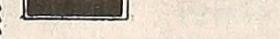
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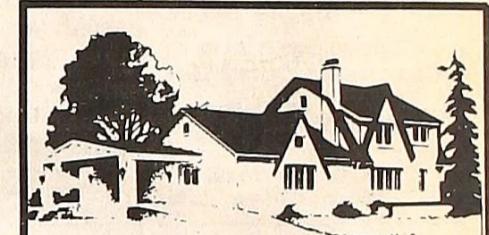
New Arrival

Catherine Clara Jean Wood

The stork landed for the eighth time at Garden City Hospital for David and Cathy Wood of Romulus on November 7, 1990. On this date, they welcomed their third daughter, Catherine Clara Jean Wood, who weighed four pounds and 14 ounces, and was 18½ inches long.

Waiting at home to welcome her were brothers David Jr. (20 years old), Donald (17), Dale (7), Depaul (4), and Dewayne (3), as well as sisters Nina (14), and Deemiss (9).

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Each year the City of Wayne Recreation Advisory Board presents an award to an individual who is an outstanding recreational supporter for the City of Wayne. The award is called the James J. Poplin Distinguished Service Award and is presented by the Board at the Department of Parks & Recreation Winterfest. The award for 1991 will be presented on Sunday, January 27, 1991. For more information or a nomination form, call 721-7400

PERSON OF THE YEAR

The 11th Annual Person of the Year, is being sought by the Romulus Chamber of Commerce. The only criteria for the nominee is someone who has made a significant contribution to the community. The individual will be honored at an Awards Banquet on March 1, 1991 at the new Romulus Marriott. Nomination forms can be picked up at the Chamber office located in the Executive Conference Center at the Holiday Inn. The address is 31200 Industrial Expressway. For more information, contact Karan Cantrell at 326-4290. Nomination deadline is December 1, 1990.

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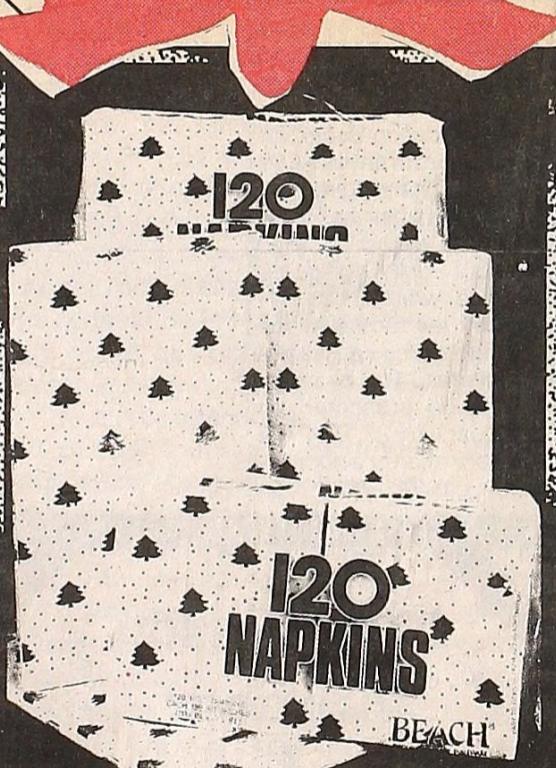
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